

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Sagging of Gates.

In a recent number of the Rural, a correspondent, writing on this subject, recommends a method of preventing gates from sagging in cases where they are hung to trees or buildings. The support described seems to me to be entirely useless. A gate constructed as it should be, will never sag if hung to a tree or building. The common difficulty comes from sagging of the post. The constant traction in one direction tends strongly to move the post from a perpendicular position. It is next to impossible to set a post so firmly that it will not move some.

In the case of board fences there is seldom much difficulty experienced from settling of posts to which gates are hung, because the pulling of the gates is distributed to, and resisted by, many posts, as they are firmly connected by the boards.

Great firmness may be secured by means of a narrow plank of joist, one end spike to the top of the gate post, the other to the bottom of the first or second fence post.

If there is no fence post, as in the case of a rail fence, I set firmly a short post at the proper place. (a foot above ground is sufficient,) and spike my stay plank to that. A common fence board will answer in place of the plank, if a sound one, or two may be used, one on each side of the posts. This is cheap, quickly done, and effectual. If it will not be in the way, a stay may be run out the other way also, to prevent the post from settling in the direction of the gate when open.

The Butter-Plant.

The high price which butter has attained within the last few years, and which gives no indications of a decline, will eventually lead to one of two results, either Americans will learn, like their European neighbors, to abstain from the extravagant use of butter in which they now almost universally indulge, or a partial substitute will be found for butter.—What is wanted is a good vegetable oil, of a delicate nature, which will do for cooking-purposes, so that the use of butter may be restricted to the table. There is said to be a plant in Japan which is the exact thing needed. The natives call it the butter-plant and use it precisely as they would butter. It has no strong odor or taste, but a very delicate flavor.—As Japan lies about on the latitude of Pennsylvania, and as it is on the eastern shore of a great continent, its climate must be substantially the same as ours, and consequently there would probably be no difficulty in domesticating this curious and useful exotic. If it is as represented we are tempted to think that the experiment of importing and cultivating this butter-plant would be a grand success. At the present prices, butter is actually a larger item of expense to most families than bread. If a clean, pure, delicate vegetable oil could be cheaply procured to take the place of butter in the kitchen, while still leaving that article for table use, a great saving and an inestimable benefit would be conferred.

Lime for Plum Trees—A correspondent of the Rural New Yorker says: Having some plum trees that blossomed every year for several years, but did not bear; a year last fall, I put a quart or so of lime on the ground around all, except two, which I left on purpose to see if they would bear as well. These two were at the end of the rows. The soil is gravelly, with soft water quite near, and I inferred that the soil did not contain enough lime to form the pit of the plum. Result—all the trees that had the lime put around them bore a good crop of plums last fall; those that were left without the lime blossomed as full as the others, but did not bear a dozen plums. I had not time to whitewash the bodies of them in the spring, or I should have done that also.

Lemon pie: Grate one small or half a large lemon, mix with the yolks of two eggs, four spoonfuls of brown sugar; stir in one and a half tablespoonfuls of flour into half a teacup of water; beat the white of two eggs to a stiff froth; stir into it two tablespoonfuls of powdered white sugar, put it over the pie crust after it is baked, and place it in an oven and brown nicely; be very careful, as it browns very easily. You will find it a superior pie.

To Make Good Coffee.

If persons wish a good beverage of this kind, care must be taken in making it.—One very prevalent custom is to leave the grounds in for several days. This, if you wish good coffee, must not be done. The coffee pot should be cleaned and dried after each meal, and if some of the liquid is left that you wish to save, turn it off carefully into some tight earthen vessel and re-heat it when you wish to use. It will then be nearly as good as when fresh made. If the berry is nicely browned—not burnt—and if care is taken with the coffee pot as above stated it is very easy to make good coffee.

Cake Recipes.

Marble cake: One cup of brown sugar, one half cup of molasses, one cup of butter, one-fourth cup of sour milk, one-half nutmeg, one spoon cinnamon, one-half spoon allspice, one-half spoon cloves, one-fourth spoon pepper, one-half teacup soda, yolks of four eggs.

Welcome cake: Stir a cup and a half of sugar and half a cup of butter together, with three well-beaten eggs; sift a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and half a teaspoonful of soda with three small cups of flour; this, with a cup of milk must be mixed with the above, and baked in a moderately quick oven. By adding raisins and currants, half pound of each, a very good fruit cake may be made.

To make Grafting Wax, take one pound of tallow, two pounds beeswax, and five pounds resin. Melt together and mix thoroughly. Cool off by pouring into a pan of cold water. Grease the hands before taking it out of the water, or it may stick. Work it thoroughly by pulling it. If too stiff, add tallow; if too soft, add resin. If it is desired to use it for root grafting, make it softer and paint it on heavy newspapers with an old brush. To take the wax off the hands or out of the brush, grease the hands and brush. Work the wax into the grease and then wash with soap.

J. H. Turner writes to the Prairie Farmer, that he believes slabbering or "slobbering" in horses is caused by a little black insect which is sometimes very plentiful in clover heads. They are usually found, if at all, in the heads while in full bloom. We have before heard this theory propounded, and it certainly seems plausible.

Swampy Meadows should be burned over before the grass starts; they will then furnish the cows a good bite of grass long before the hill pastures.

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